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Reply to Office Action of May 15, 2007

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-51 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 37, 38, 43, 47 and 49 are amended, and claims 50 and 51 are added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone conference conducted June 26, 2007. The substance of the telephone conference, including any agreements reached, is reflected in the above amendments and following remarks. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Restriction Requirement

In reply to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated May 15, 2007, Applicant elects Group I (claims 21-36) with traverse for further prosecution on the merits.

It is respectfully submitted that, as discussed during the telephone conference, the amendments submitted herewith to independent claim 37 obviate the basis for restriction. It is further submitted that the subject matter of each of the claims is sufficiently related such that search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested

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II. New Claims 50 and 51

New claims 50 and 51 are added to the application. It is respectfully submitted that new claims 50 and 51 meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Joanna K. Mason, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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